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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Abstract

A system and/or method ~~are disclosed~~ for synchronizing one or more modules of an industrial controller relative to a common time base. A module may be programmed and/or configured to employ an activation interval for controlling periodic activation for sampling one or more inputs and/or applying data at outputs of the module. The module synchronizes its activation interval based on a coordinated time base signal.